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Although, I find the actions being proposed in this settlement harsh and far reaching as well as possibly damaging to the company they are targeted at. I find the alternatives far worse. I find it reprehensible that the nine dissenting states that agreed to combine their case with that of the DoJ now want to impose even harsher restrictions on Microsoft. These "honorable" people are acting only in the interest of the companies in their states. Utah = Novell, California = Netscape, Apple, and a host of others, and Mass = AOL Time Warner (possibly the largest single threat to competition that exists today). Something must be done to stop this madness. And although I did not agree with the settlement as it put way too much power in the hands of government officials who know nothing of the computer industry. I would rather have the lesser of the two evils than to have one of the largest employers in the country ruined by over zealous lawyers getting paid off by other companies.

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